

METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR ROTARY DIAL  
USER ENTRY IN AN APPLIANCE

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A cooking appliance includes a control panel which includes a rotary dial for selecting and entering control information to the cooking appliance, and a control interface for providing a prompt to guide a user through a selection process of the control information. The control information includes at least one of a cooking mode, a food type, a food weight or size, a cooking temperature, and a degree of doneness. The cooking appliance is operatively responsive to the selection of the control information from the rotary dial before and during cooking.